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SUBJECT: SAUDI NATIONAL TRADING CORPORATION; KNOWN AS: MOHAMMED
ABDEL RAHMAN ES-SAID

REF: STATE 77407, 73103

1. MR. ES-SAID WAS ONCE A PROMINENT AND ACTIVE BUSINESSMAN WHO
ACTED AS IMPORTER AND DISTRIBUTOR OF AUTOMOBILES (RAMBLER) AND
PARTS AND AS A SOFT-DRINK A55)34 (ROYAL CRUSH) AND OWNER OF
AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATIONS. IN 1964 HE DRASTICALLY CURTAILED
HIS BUSINESS ACTIVITIES UNTIL 1967 WHEN HE COMPLETELY CEASED TO
TMSANY KNOWN INTERNATIONAL OR LOCAL TRADING BUSINESS.

2. CURRENTLY, HIS ONLY KNOWN LOCAL BUSINESS ACWIVITIES INCLUDE
DEALING IN REAL
ESTATE, RENTING HIS COMMERCIAL RESIDENCE
BUILDINGS AND SPONSORING A FORDANIAN INSURANCE CONCERN.

3. BANKERS AND KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES REPORTED THAT MR. ES-SAID
HAS GOOD FINANCIAL MEANS, MOSTLY INVESTED IN REAL ESTATE IN SAUDI
ARABIA AND ABROAD, THAT HIS FINANCIAL REPUTATION IS FAIR AND
THAT HE IS A SLOW PAYER OF DEBTS.

4. LAST WTDR PREPARED DATED 1967 AND IS DIFFICULT TO UP-DATE
BECAUSE HE IS HARDLY EVER AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW LOCALLY AS HE
LIVES ALMOST PERMANENTLY IN BEIRUT.

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